

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF FREDERICK COUNTY
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, February 1, 2022**

Council Members M.C. Keegan-Ayer, President; Michael Blue, Vice-President, Jerry Donald, Kai Hagen, Jessica Fitzwater, Phil Dacey and Steve McKay were present for the meeting.

Also present were Ragen Cherney, County Council Chief of Staff; Catherine Keller, Assistant County Attorney; Sarah Ambrosio, Recording Secretary; and Nancy Luna, Executive Assistant, County Council.

Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. virtually.

Opening Statement from Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer

Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer provided an opening statement at the start of the meeting. Included in that statement was a welcoming to the Legislative meeting for Tuesday, February 1, 2022 and information on how to watch and participate in the meeting. President Keegan-Ayer called roll and a quorum was established for the meeting.

The meeting began with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Action on the Agenda

Council Member Michael Blue moved to approve the agenda as presented. Council Member Jerry Donald seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

Public Comment was heard from:

- Patty Hurwitz
- Matt Seubert
- Brent Simmons

Business Items:

Budget Adjustments

- J-22- 171 – Emergency Preparedness, Emergency Management Division

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Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to approve Budget Adjustment J-22-171 as presented. Council Member Steve McKay seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

Approval of Minutes from January 18, and January 25, 2022.

Council Member Steve McKay moved to approve the minutes from January 18, and January 25, 2022, as presented. Council Member Jessica Fitzwater seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

FY 2022 Supplemental Budget for Frederick City's Economic Development Project (Downtown Hotel and Conference Center)

Lori Depies, Chief Financial Officer, County Executive's Office; Rick Harcum, Chief Administrative Officer, County Executive's Office; Mayor Michael O'Connor and City of Frederick presentation, presented information to the Council on the FY 2022 Supplemental Budget for Frederick City's Economic Development Project (Downtown Hotel and Conference Center).

Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to approve budget journal J-22-176 that will utilize the \$2.52 million Supplemental Appropriation to the FY 2022 Operating Budget to assist the City in funding of land acquisition costs related to the development project

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that will facilitate the construction and operation of a full service hotel and conference center in downtown Frederick. as presented by staff. Council Member Michael Blue seconded the motion that passed 5-2.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay		X	
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey		X	
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

Public Hearing on Proposed Listing on County Register of Historic Places – Jacob Smith Tavern (CR #20-01)

Amanda Whitmore, Historic Preservation Principal Planner I, Livable Frederick Planning & Design Office, Planning & Permitting Division presented information to the Counsel on the Proposed Listing on County Register of Historic Places – Jacob Smith Tavern (CR #20-01).

Public Comment:

- None

Council Member Steve McKay moved to approve the application to list the Jacob Smith Tavern (CR #20-01) on the Frederick County Register of Historic Places. Council Member Kai Hagen seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

First Reading Calendar:

At 6:36 p.m. Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer passed the gavel to Council Vice President Michael Blue

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Amendments to Ch. 1-7 of the Frederick County Code - Electrical Ordinance

Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer provided information to the Council on the Proposed Bill – Amendments to Chapter 1-7 of the Frederick County Code – Electrical Ordinance.

At 6:38 p.m. Council Vice President Michael Blue passed the gavel back to Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer

Amendments to Ch. 1-19 of the Frederick County Code (Zoning Ordinance) – Update Certain Definitions Related to Agricultural Uses

Council Vice President Michael Blue provided information to the Council on the Proposed Bill – Amendments to Chapter 1-19 of the Frederick County Code (Zoning Ordinance) – Update Certain Definitions Related to Agricultural Uses.

Amendments to Ch. 1-6 of the Frederick County Code (Building Code) – Create a New Exception for, and to Define, a Farm Stand

Council Vice President Michael Blue provided information to the Council on the Proposed Bill – Amendments to Chapter 1-6 of the Frederick County Code (Building Code) – Create a New Exception for, and to Define, a Farm Stand.

At 6:39 p.m. Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer passed the gavel to Council Vice President Michael Blue

Amendments to Ch. 1-19 of the Frederick County Code (Zoning Ordinance) – Add a Critical Digital Infrastructure as a New Use

Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer provided information to the Council on the Proposed Bill – Amendments to Chapter 1-19 of the Frederick County Code (Zoning Ordinance) – Add a Critical Digital Infrastructure as a New Use.

Amendments to Ch. 1-19 of the Frederick County Code (Zoning Ordinance) – Revise and Clarify the Notification Requirements for Comprehensive Zonings and Rezonings

Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer provided information to the Council on the Proposed Bill – Amendments to Chapter 1-19 of the Frederick County Code (Zoning Ordinance) – Revise and Clarify the Notification Requirements for Comprehensive Zonings and Rezonings.

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At 6:40 p.m. Council Vice President Michael Blue passed the gavel back to Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer

Public Comment was heard from:

- None

Council Member Comments:

Council Member comments were provided.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

M.C. Keegan-Ayer, President
County Council